



BENDIGO BRIDGE CLUB Inc.

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Occasional Newsletter – September 2018



Get well soon Gina!

Our very best wishes to our dear member Gina Pocock, fighting leukaemia in Ward 7 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (hint: we hear she loves getting cards!).

Wednesday 26th September

The Leggo Room in the Long Gully Community Centre is being re-carpeted.

- The Wednesday afternoon session is **CANCELLED**. Peter Marley will postpone his final lesson in the “Improvers” series (Artificial bids: Stayman and Blackwood) to the following week, Wednesday 3rd October. (1.30pm; \$10)
- The evening session on the 26th will **RELOCATE** to the Quarry Hill Croquet Club, on the corner of Mitchell and Olinda Streets. Seats available on a first come, first served basis! Play starts normal Wednesday time, 7.30pm.



Melbourne Cup sweep

Barb Evans has kindly consented to once again running the Club's Melbourne Cup Sweep. \$1, \$2 and \$5 sweeps available. As Barb doesn't play every session and will be away for some of the time leading up to the Cup, you can pay Jennifer Goddard up to 7 October, and Merlyn Pritchard after that. Lists showing draws will go up in the Leggo Room on Monday 5th November – and/or we might email them out.

You know who you are ...

There are still 22 members who haven't paid their \$25 membership fee to Sue Napier. You can pay Sue, or direct debit to BSB 633 000 Account no 107 549 784 (for DD please include your name or ABF no)

Name badges

Bridge Club name badges are available from Central Trophies and Gifts in Lyttleton Terrace. You're welcome to go in and order your own, but they're cheaper (\$15) in batches of 5 or more. There's a list on the board in the Leggo Room, and we'll organise an order every time we get to 5 (yes, you pay for your own badge)

Bidding boxes

For the last two weeks we've used bidding boxes at one of the tables at the main Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions. This is a system where, instead of writing your bid on a bidding slip, each player has a box with a card for every possible bid, and when it comes to their turn they place their bid in front of themselves. It is widely used in Europe and America, but less so here and in NZ.



Still, most major congresses use it, and we wanted to give our players some experience of it. We also wondered if it would help solve legibility problems.

The Committee agreed we'd try it for a month. BUT – after two weeks, where the boxes have sat mainly on the Goddards' table, here's the feedback: MOST players were willing to give it a go; MOST agreed that once they got used to it, it would be OK; and SOME were positively keen. But some disliked it so much we've decided to shelve the trial. After all, we're meant to be enjoying ourselves!

But – we may have more trials, and the set is there for anyone who wants to use it!

Victories – and near-victories

The Donald congress on Saturday 22nd was a very enjoyable Swiss Pairs event. Congratulations to Frank Vearing and partner, who came triple first, and Barbara Hyett and Ethne Ramage who came fifth and were the top all-Bendigo pair. Merlyn Pritchard and Ken Simpson creamed the Friday "Welcome Pairs" with a top 76%!



Bendigo Bridge Club

Christmas Lunch & Awards presentation



11.30am
Tuesday 18 December 2018

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM HANDBOOK INFO!!

**11.30am arrival for 12noon serving of main course
Bendigo Pottery Function Centre (Goldfields Catering)**

Cost: Members \$20, Partners/guests \$30

Money to Jennifer Goddard between 10th and 30th November

Drinks and coffee will be available for purchase

Awards will be presented after the main course, before dessert

Main Course

- Roast beef with gravy
- Roast pork with apple sauce and crackling
- Roasted potatoes with herbs
- Honey Carrots
- Medley of fresh vegetables of the season
- Cauliflower au gratin
- Roasted Herb and mustard pumpkin
- Four salads
- Crusty Dinner rolls

Dessert

- Chocolate mousse
 - Christmas Pudding
 - Mini Pavlova with Passionfruit
- All served with fresh whipped cream

Dietary preferences:

the main course will be served from the carvery, probably as listed here, but there may be minor variations.

Goldfields are keen for people to enjoy the lunch, and happy to provide substitutes if this menu doesn't take your fancy/meet your needs.

Please advise ALL specific needs when booking!

Lucky Seat Prizes – Our budget covers some items, but members with access to desirable consumables (Chocolates? Wine? Preserves?) are very welcome to donate to these! Please give to Kaye Parker on Fridays, or Carmel Fitzgerald, Julie Tynan or Jennifer Goddard at other sessions – any time up to and including Friday 7th December